

IN THE
INDIANA TAX COURT

NO.49T10-9309-TA-70

TOWN OF ST. JOHN, <i>et al.</i> ,)
)
Petitioners,)
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v.)
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STATE BOARD OF TAX)
COMMISSIONERS,)
)
Respondents.)

**STATE BOARD'S
THIRTEENTH MONTHLY REPORT**

This is the State Board of Tax Commissioners' thirteenth monthly report under the Court's order dated May 31, 2000, 729 N.E.2d 242, 247. The report explains the Board's activities during June 2001 to implement the Court's order. The Board's activities during June primarily involved continuing efforts to ascertain the progress of reassessment activities among the county and township assessors. An outline of these activities is included as Exhibit A.

Overall Schedule

The Board's First Monthly Report contained a proposed schedule for adopting a new assessment rule consistent with the Court's order. The Board's activities

during June 2001 are in accordance with that schedule, and the Board expects to maintain that schedule and meet the deadlines within it.

New Rules For Assessment

The Manual [LSA Doc. #00-108(F)] became legally effective on June 23,2001.

The Manuals are being printed by the State printing department. The Board anticipates field representatives delivering copies of the Manual to county and township assessors before or at the township assessors' conference in mid-July.

Work with Assessors

In May 2001 field personnel from the Assessment Division of the Board personally visited and interviewed all county recorders, auditors and assessors within the state. The field personnel asked a series of questions about various aspects of assessment administration and recorded the responses. A summary of the responses received to date is attached to this report as Exhibit B. It reflects input from ninety counties. Lake and Crawford Counties are not included. The summary also reports findings for only a portion of the questions posed, those determined to be the most germane to current events occurring within the state. A final report will be compiled when the information from all ninety-two counties has been collected.

In addition, a list of the vendors the county officials report they will use for the 2002 reassessment is attached to this report as Exhibit C.

On June 20 and 28,2001, there were meetings with various assessor groups to address issues raised about the Manual and Guidelines.

Computer Software

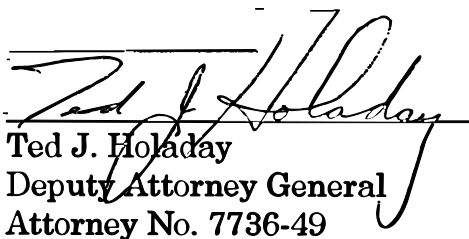
On June 4, 2001, the Board's Assessment Division Director, Assistant Director and General Counsel met with a software vendor and discussed the Manual and Guidelines. On June 22, 2001, A computer software provider gave the Board a demonstration of their new computer assisted mass appraisal (CAMA) system. The provider has contracted with several counties, and is actively marketing the system throughout the state to perform reassessment work.

Statutory Issues

In the First Monthly Report, the State Board identified statutes with which it will be unable to comply under the timetable for promulgating a new assessment rule. During June 2001, the State Board has identified no additional provisions with which it will be unable to comply.

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